

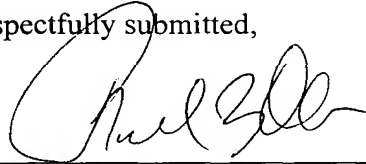
DE1503

REMARKS

Claim 23 has been amended herein for the first time to correct an improper multiple dependency therein. New claims 34 to 47 have been added.

It is respectfully requested that the application should now proceed to prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard B. Klar
Associate Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 31,385

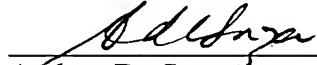
Dated: September 8, 2003

Anderson, Kill & Olick, P.C.
1251 Avenue of the Americas
New York, New York 10020-1182
(212) 278-1000

CERTIFICATE OF EXPRESS MAILING

Mailing Label Number: EV 331921299 US
Date of Deposit: September 9, 2003

I hereby certify that this PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT w/PATENT APPLICATION PAPERS are being deposited with the United States Postal Service "Express Mail Post Office to Addressee" Service under 37 CFR §1.10 on the date indicated above and is addressed to: the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2011 South Clark Place, Customer Window, Mail Stop Sequence, Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03, Arlington, Virginia 22202.



Audrey De Souza